



THOUSAND ISLANDS PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES 2020 SEASON

Gananoque, ON, October 1, 2019 – Managing Artistic Director Brett Christopher unveiled TIP’s 2020 season lineup – the second that he has programmed for the company.

“We’ve had a tremendous year here at the Playhouse, breaking company box office records, building incredible productions, and hosting a wide variety of behind-the-scenes opportunities. The 2020 season will build on that momentum with a lineup that highlights our trademark programming breadth,” says Christopher. “I think you’ll agree that next summer’s lineup truly has something for everyone.”

At the season announcement, Christopher spoke of 2019’s *Anne of Green Gables* as an important moment in the company’s history. “*Anne* truly was a magical production where we took a little stardust out of the company’s rich past and with it set a course for the future. One that is bright indeed.” *Anne of Green Gables* star Emily Robertson is featured on the cover of the company’s 2020 teaser brochure.

The TIP 2020 season will begin on May 29 and run until November 1 with eight productions in its two venues.

SPRINGER THEATRE

Back in '59

A 50s & 60s Musical Revue

A Magnus Theatre Production

Written & Directed by Thom Currie

May 29 – June 20

Four friends attending their 10-year high school reunion sneak away to an old hangout to reminisce and remember the music of their youth. Join them on this nostalgic trip through the 50s and 60s featuring over 70 hit songs, including *Let's Twist Again*, *Leader of the Pack*, and *It's My Party*. This musical mashup features incredible harmonies, clever medleys, and snappy choreography.

The Music Man

The Classic Family Musical

Written by Meredith Willson

Directed & Choreographed by Stephanie Graham

June 30 – August 1

A charming con man arrives in River City, Iowa intending to dupe its residents with an elaborate moneymaking scheme. But his plans to get the cash and skip town are foiled when he finds himself falling head-over-heels for the small community and its beautiful librarian. Director/choreographer Stephanie Graham of this year’s smash hit musical *Anne of Green Gables* returns for this funny, romantic, and touching musical. This is family entertainment at its best!



Perfect Wedding

A Farce of Tiered Proportions

Written by Robin Hawdon

Directed by Krista Jackson

August 7 – 29

A groom wakes up on the morning of his wedding day with a hangover and a strange woman in his bed. Mix in the bride, her mother, the best man, and a maid that knows too much, and you have a recipe for disaster.

Wedding bells or running for the hills? Their big day will be far from a piece of cake!

Once

The Tony Award-Winning Musical

Book by Enda Walsh, Music & Lyrics by Glen Hansard & Marketa Irglova

Directed & Choreographed by Julie Tomaino

September 8 – October 4

Guy is a Dublin street musician who spends his days fixing vacuums and his nights playing music in local pubs. On the verge of giving up music altogether, he meets a woman who takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. Featuring some of Canada's best actor/musicians, this enchanting musical is tale of love and loss, following dreams, and walking away. Winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album.

Serving Elizabeth

History from a New Perspective

Written by Marcia Johnson

Directed by Leah-Simone Bowen

Produced in association with Western Canada Theatre

October 16 – November 1

In 2016, the Netflix series *The Crown* featured an episode about the future Queen Elizabeth II's 1952 trip to Kenya. The show focused on the British perspective and lacked representation of African people. This funny and political new play gives a voice to the Kenyan women who served the monarch, alternating between the historic visit in 1952 and a modern day TV show retelling the story.



FIREHALL THEATRE

Every Brilliant Thing

An Uplifting Theatrical Gem

Written by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe

Directed by Sophia Fabilli

July 17 – August 9

Ice cream, the smell of old books, Marlon Brando...As a mother battles chronic depression, a child writes a list of everything in the world that makes life worth living. As the child grows, the list grows too, eventually becoming an epic chronicle of life's small joys. This life-affirming solo piece is hysterically funny and deeply moving. An experience unlike anything you've seen before.

New Magic Valley Fun Town

A Compelling New Drama

A Tarragon Theatre Production

Written by Daniel MacIvor

Directed by Richard Rose

August 21 – September 6

Cape Bretoner Dougie hasn't seen his best childhood pal Allen in 25 years, so it's no surprise that their reunion is a boisterous night of laughter, drinking, and dancing. But as evening becomes day, the old friends revisit other memories, uncomfortable ones that force them to confront the realities of their past.

The Runner

A Gripping Tour-de-Force

A Human Cargo Production

Written by Christopher Morris

Directed by Daniel Brooks

September 18 – October 4

When Jacob, a member of the ZAKA volunteer force in Israel, makes the split-second decision to treat a young woman instead of the soldier she may have killed, he must grapple with the political and moral fall out of his choice. Based on a real-life ZAKA member, this visceral new thriller will have you on the edge of your seat and leave you breathless.

Subscriptions and Patron Memberships are now on sale through the box office.

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